GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2879
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
LATHICHARGE BY DELHI POLICE
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Arakshan Bachao` rally organised by the people of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes community in New Delhi on 13 December, 1999 was lathicharged and teargased heavily by Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the number of persons injured in the incidents;

(c) whether the said incidents has been inquired into by any retired Judges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The Delhi Police did not resort to any lathicharge on the demonstrators. However, water canons and tear-gas shells were used to disperse the demonstrators when they became violent and did not pay any heed to the warnings given on public address system. The number of persons injured in the incident was 29 which included 15 police personnel. The injuries sustained were simple in nature.

(c)to(e): There is no proposal to have the matter inquired into by a retired Judge as the circumstances of the case do not warrant such a course of action.